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Organizations of Cincinnati.—The Federated
Endorsement Last Thursday Night.—Other Labor
As Soon As They Meet.

The Loop ordinance has been endorsed by a majority of the leading business, financial and labor organizations in Cincinnati as well as by thousands of its prominent men.

The Federated Improvement Associations, representing 35,000 voters, by a vote of 54 to 19 indorsed the "loop" lease ordinance at its meeting at the Hotel Gibson Thursday. The matter came up on a report of the majority of the Committee on Transportation in favor of the lease. The report was signed by Edwin A. Winter, Charles A. Pedretti and Lane Thompson. Some weeks ago a minority report, signed by W. L. Woodward and George W. Nichols, was rendered. The majority report of Thursday contained a full and free discussion of the terms of the ordinance, stating that it was drawn by men of "exceptional ability and recognized civic loyalty" and that it was not to be expected that in a subject of such magnitude it could suit the personal ideas of everyone. The report concluded with the following summary of the good points of the ordinance:

"It provides one system of surface lines for Cincinnati, transfers in and out of the loop, absolute control of company's business, right to inspect books and records, control of company's finances, right to order extensions and service, including Millcreek valley lines as a surface route, gives quicker transportation facilities, gives to the working classes more favorable living conditions and will bring more business to the city."

ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

For the Loop Lease Will Be Made at the Polls.

An active campaign in behalf of the loop lease ordinance, will be made at the polls next Tuesday by members of the Building Trades Council. This was unanimously agreed upon at a meeting of the Council Thursday night. The Retail Stores' Association of the Chamber of Commerce indorsed the ordinance Thursday. The merits of the ordinance were debated Thursday evening before the Cincinnati Real Estate Board by President Charles L. Henry of the Indianapolis & Cincinnati Traction Company for, and Alfred Bettman against, before a joint meeting of the Fairview Public School Association, Clifton Heights Welfare Association and Clifton Heights Business Men's Club by Councilman Charles O. Rose for, and former Mayor Henry T. Hunt against.

Mayor Geo. Puchta: There is nothing today that means so much for Cincinnati as interurban entrance, the loop and its operation. The lease is fair for all. It will assure rapid transportation service. If you are interested in a better and greater Cincinnati, vote "Yes" on April 17th.

M. L. Barber, Real Estate Dealer: Anything of this kind that will help our transportation and rapid carrying of passengers in the city will improve real estate conditions here at once. It will bring many new residents within thirty minutes of Fountain Square.

W. H. Clippinger, Attorney: This is the most vital principle in the development of Cincinnati, as it relates to real estate. It will also bring in business which in turn will bring a broadening of our acreage as far as suburban development is concerned.

Willis W. Yeatman, Attorney: I figure that the loop will work out O. K. It seems to me fair to everybody and will be a general benefit to Cincinnati.

W. H. Whitman, Cincinnati Tobacco Warehouse Co.: I am in favor of an improvement to bring people to town particularly in a "rapid" way. The city needs an improvement of this sort that will bring us all better business.

R. H. Ranson, Reinhart & Newton, Candy Manufacturers, 210-12-14 Vine street: I am confident that Cincinnati manufacturers with salesmen on the road will favor the entrance of interurbans. They know the value of rapid transit in reaching customers. It will be a big thing for business in general.

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— AND —

Numerous Miscellaneous Trades

When You Vote For the Loop, You Vote For Work

— AND —

Resent the efforts of the Kroger-Julian-Schmidlapp crowd to deprive us of an improvement that we know to be good and especially for the benefit of those who use the street cars most.

WHAT THIS GANG OF CAPITALISTS OPPOSE IS NATURALLY GOOD FOR LABOR

R. C. Nepper, The Remelin Co., Auto Supplies, 430 Main street: Any business man can subscribe himself to the cause of the loop lease. It will work wonders in business. I am certainly for it.

W. S. P. Oskamp, Race and Seventh streets: I favor the lease because it is good for the majority. If the city lost all the interest on bonds and got no return, a person owning a \$3,000 home would have but \$1.50 added to his taxes. Everyone says Cincinnati is dead. Let us not bury it on April 17. Vote "Yes" for the loop.

Harry Appling, Attorney and ex-Councilman: The city has needed rapid transit for 25 years and I believe the loop lease should go through in its present form. It has taken hard work to bring it to its present acceptable form and the contract should be accepted.

Warren W. Ford, Hyde Park Drug-gist: Accepting the loop lease will mean the upbuilding of business. It would be

a shame to permit further delay. I shall vote "Yes."

Thomas H. Barr, Builder: We can't afford to turn down rapid transit. We need the interurbans. I shall vote for the lease.

Why W. T. Hunter will vote for the rapid transit loop lease on April 17: "You can put me down as unqualifiedly in favor of this contract. If we heeded the objections that seem to be a part of every move to benefit Cincinnati, the grass would grow in the streets. I want rapid transit and I believe the interests of the people have been fully protected."

Why Mr. Frank Miller, auto dealer, 713 Main street, will support the rapid transit loop ordinance, at the polls, April 17: "I believe that the lease, as drawn by the Rapid Transit Commission and approved by the City Council, is a fine bargain for Cincinnati. I want rapid transit for the present generation, and it can never be had on more advantageous terms. I vote 'Yes.'"

Why Major J. B. Wallace, real estate, will vote for the rapid transit loop, Tuesday, April 17: "There are always enough croakers in Cincinnati to knock any worthy measure like the loop lease, but I believe, this time, the boosters are in the lead. I am for Cincinnati and, therefore, I am for the lease. When will we get rapid transit if we do not now?"

A. T. Hazen: I certainly will consider it an honor to be enrolled on your committee for the purpose of boosting the proposed "loop" and will pledge myself to work hard for the adoption of this much needed improvement to our city. Let us boost and stop this everlasting knocking.

Why Mr. Henry Merkel, of The Merkle Brothers Co., Canal and Jackson streets, will vote for the rapid transit loop lease on April 17: "Looks to me like the biggest and best thing the city has had before it in years. Here's a chance to boost. We knock too easy in

the old town I can see comfort, profit, happiness and a faster growing city all done up in the contract, and I'll vote yes, gladly, on election day."

Why Mr. Frank X. Krug, ice manufacturer, will vote for the rapid transit loop lease on April 17: "Why should I, as a merchant, oppose any measure like this that is for our mutual benefit. This should be the voice of the people; we should have had rapid transit long ago to help the mercantile business in Cincinnati."

Why Mr. Max S. Goldsmith, of the Goldsmith Metal Lath Co., will vote for the rapid transit loop lease, April 17: "This is a manufacturing city and we must not lose sight of the fact. The loop lease will increase the manufacturing capacity of Cincinnati at least ten per cent. That is all important. This is no time for opposing a measure that has as its object increased advantages for toilers and increased outlets for business."

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